

ARC ELECTRONIC ASSOCIATION

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Constitution and Purpose

We, the volunteer members of the ARC Electronic Association, are joined in a non-profit, independent organization of people interested or participating in the field of Electronics; unaffiliated but cooperating with other organizations with similar purposes and goals.

ARC is dedicated to the promotion of national and international Ham Radio Fellowship and Goodwill. We believe in the dignity and equality of Man, regardless of his race, creed, color, possession or lack of worldly goods.

ARC was founded and is sponsored by American Radio Amateurs who have to combat racial restrictions and discriminations in jobs, in travel, in housing and even in ham radio in some areas of the world. Nevertheless, we are dedicated to the building of friendships among all the people of the earth through the medium of Amateur Radio. ARC members share mutual welcome where ever they meet in travel or at home.

ARC members are dedicated toward the stimulation of scientific, specifically electronic, knowledge and the opening of doors toward job and hobby opportunities for all men in these and other scientific and skilled fields. Special emphasis is given to the scientific training and development of youth by utilizing the teaching and training abilities of the veteran and older ARC members, voluntarily operating their own radio classes or serving as instructors and FCC examiners in, or for Amateur Radio Clubs. ARC members encourage and cooperate with Churches, Community Centers, Grade Schools, Colleges and Industry as these institutions foster voluntary programs of ham radio activity. In National Emergency or Civil Defense, ARC members have served and will continue to serve to the best of each member's ability. The prime purpose of ARC is to serve where needed in the advancement of the Community, the State, and the Nation.

ARC follows the usual pattern of sectional or area representation with radio nets, volunteer Directors, Assistants and ARC members representing all American amateur radio districts. Some of these areas or districts may have ARC Nets either by choice or to meet local conditions. Other areas may have nets sponsored by local or area amateur radio clubs and groups. ARC members participate in and pledge full support and assistance to existing local or area clubs and nets. On request the ARC Electronic Association will assist in the forming of local and area nets and amateur radio clubs. Many members of ARC are serving with distinction with national and area amateur groups. ARC Nets are open to both ARC members and invited guest stations. In areas not having ARC Nets, the Directors and members are engaged in various other phases of the ARC program.

The ARC Nets or individual members will assist in the handling of FCC approved, local and national, amateur radio message traffic and also international amateur message traffic where such is legally authorized.

Limited foreign ham membership is also extended to amateurs of all nations sanctioned by the FCC and State Department as being friendly to and having mutual communications agreements with the United States. Such goodwill relations can also benefit ARC members travelling abroad. Within this same goodwill policy all ARC members are mutually welcome hosts to each other. The benefits mutually available to ARC members travelling on both a national and international level is obvious to all.

The ARC Electronic Association views "communications" as much more than being purely technical in interpretation. Communication basically is the transmission and reception of intelligence. It is a basic break through the walls of prejudice, ignorance, and misunderstanding. It is people helping people. It is within these practical interpretations that ARC voluntarily presents certificate awards to individuals and that groups who are judged outstanding in civic, social or scientific communications within the field of human relations. ARC incentive awards are also issued.

The 1963-64 Amateur Radio Callbook magazine featured a front cover prayer which we of ARC believe best states our purpose:

"MAY GOD GRANT US THE POWER, THE WILL, AND THE MEANS TO COMMUNICATE
MORE FULLY, AND MORE WISELY, MAN TO MAN, IN THE COMING YEAR"

ARC would not limit this noble prayer purpose to any one coming year, but would embrace this present day and time without end.

The Founding Directors

Composed by W1AQV, Eastern Area
Director and ARC Historian

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1. ARC Master List

The ARC "Master List" of licensed radio amateurs will be limited to and issued only to bona fide ARC members approved by ARC Hdqrs. This is a protective measure by ARC to safeguard ARC member hams from being racially, politically and economically exploited by un-American and other groups at home and abroad who oppose the democratic and fellowship program of ARC. Government and official offices are free to examine the ARC constitution and membership list which we proudly support. ARC does feel obligated to protect the best interests of those members who still face unlawful racial oppressions and discriminations in various areas of the nation and the world.

2. Membership

- A. Membership is by invitation from any current member and consists of the National Board of Directors, Area Directors and Assistants, together with all licensed amateur radio operators previously and hereafter enrolled in membership. (Inclusive of Honorary and Associate members).
- B. Current membership consists of members from a large number of the Fifty U. S. States and some other countries of the world.

C. Full membership exists in four categories:

- (a) U. S. Citizens who are licensed radio operators and pay dues.
- (b) Honorary Members, both American and Foreign, who are nominated by any ARC member and approved by the ARC National Board of Directors. Honorary members will not pay dues.
- (c) Associate Members who are not licensed radio amateurs but have an interest in and a desire to support organization objectives or plan to be a future amateur. Associate Members pay dues.
- (d) Any American radio amateur listed on the ARC Master List of radio amateurs can join ARC by simple application and has a continued standing invitation from the current ARC membership and the National Board of Directors.

3. Limited Membership

Limited (Foreign Associate) membership is extended non-United States citizens sponsored by U. S. Amateurs and approved by the National Board of Directors provided the Foreign radio amateur is a representative of a nation having U. S. Government approved radio recognition and friendly reciprocal agreements of amateur radio communications. Foreign Associate Members will not pay dues.

4. Dues

ARC membership fee of \$3.00 per year is used for membership cards, certificates, printing and distribution costs, the ARC Master List and additions, and postage expenses. Eventually it is planned to initiate dues and advertising fees to cover an ARC periodical to contain aforementioned data, ARC correspondence, technical articles, local and national ARC group activity.

5. Organization Name

The original name of "ARC Electronic Association" was selected only for identification and ARC was never defined. It was intended that the name included no reference to amateur radio for the benefit of those areas of the world where the welfare of members should be protected. One interpretation of "ARC" has compared it to the "ARC light" which is known for its brightness and is an ideal symbol for the warm friendships developed through the organization. Another interpretation is the "Amateur Radio Club" of World Fellowship. Perhaps there are many other fitting terminologies that apply to our objectives of fellowship. The present name in its present format has been so widely adopted by members for identification purposes on the air to identify other members that no present change of organization name is planned. Suggestions for defining the present name in line with the basic purpose of the organization will be welcomed for membership consideration.

6. Certificate Awards

ARC Certificates are awarded to outstanding individuals and groups, amateurs and non-amateurs, for achievement in technical fields and in the field of human communications. ARC Incentive Awards are given for ARC activities and other amateur radio activities. Requirements for ARC Awards are listed in a separate ARC bulletin.